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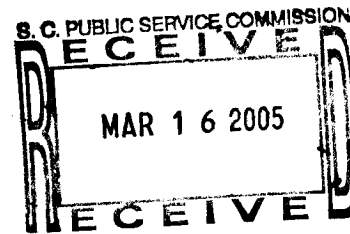
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Mr. Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, S.C. 29211



Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Quarterly Electric Rate of Return Filing

Dear Mr. Terreni:

It has been South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's practice to file its quarterly reports concerning the rate of return on electric operations within 75 days of the close of the quarter. Under that schedule, the quarterly report for the period ending December 31, 2004 would be provided on or about March 16, 2005.

The Company has experienced delays in preparing the filing for this quarter. These delays are related to the implementation of the Company's most recent retail electric rate order, Order 2005-2, dated January 6, 2005. The Company is in the final stages of completing the calculations needed to support this filing and intends to file the required report with the Commission no later than March 31, 2005.

Please feel to call me if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. T. Zeigler".

Belton T. Zeigler,
Attorney for
South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.

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